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3% DECLINE IN MAJOR APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS REPORTED FOR OCTOBER

CHICAGO -- Factory shipments of major appliances were 2,876,700 units in October, a decline of 3% from October 1979, the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM) announced today.

According to AHAM president Guenther Baumgart, while October shipments were under October of last year, a gradual trend toward improvement is emerging. Since May, month-to-month comparisons between 1980 and 1979 have become more favorable. With the exception of a 2% figure for July, comparisons show the gap narrowing each month from a 33% drop in May, to 16% in June, 11% in August, 8% in September and 3% in October. Baumgart also noted that the October, 1980 level represented the third highest October in history, exceeded only by October 1973 which was the best October on record, and October 1979.

Three product categories showed gains over the same month last year. Shipments of disposers were up 10.4% and refrigerators were up slightly by 0.2%. Microwave oven shipments were up 13.7% over last October with the year-to-date level of 2,832,000 units already surpassing the total unit figure for all of 1979 of 2,162,000.

October shipments of washers and freezers were not up to 1979 levels, but they were at their highest level for October since 1976. Shipments for all other products declined from 6.2% for ranges, to 11% for dryers, 16.7% for dishwashers and 19.6% for compactors.

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Total shipments through the first ten months of 1980 were 25,894,800 units, a 9% decline from 1979.

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MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE FACTORY SHIPMENTS THOUSANDS OF UNITS
(Domestic Plus Export)
October, 1980

	October 1980	October 1979	% Change	Calendar Year to Date 1980	1979	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	2,876.7	2,961.3*	- 2.9%	25,894.8	28,465.8*	- 9.0%
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	90.1	93.8	- 3.9	2,876.3	3,374.7	-14.8
DEHUMIDIFIERS	- 2.2	3.1*	-171.0	665.1	644.7*	3.2
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	296.9	356.4	- 16.7	2,335.0	2,966.0	-21.3
Built-In	253.0	299.6	- 15.6	2,011.3	2,548.9	-21.1
Portable	43.9	56.8	- 22.7	323.7	417.1	-22.4
DISPOSERS	343.0	310.6*	10.4	2,480.8	2,812.3*	-11.8
COMPACTORS	26.2	32.6*	- 19.6	194.1	245.1*	-20.8
REFRIGERATION - TOTAL	642.1	669.1*	- 4.0	5,985.7	6,639.0*	- 9.8
Refrigerators	518.7	517.7	.2	4,467.3	4,981.4	-10.3
Freezers - Total	123.3	151.4*	- 18.6	1,518.4	1,657.6*	- 8.4
Upright	61.4	74.8*	- 17.9	672.8	766.7*	-12.3
Chest	61.9	76.6*	- 19.2	845.6	890.9*	- 5.1
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	257.3	274.4*	- 6.2	2,137.1	2,545.3*	-16.0
Free Standing	207.4	210.2*	- 1.3	1,669.7	1,897.3*	-12.0
Built-In	49.9	64.3*	- 22.4	467.4	648.1*	-27.9
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	445.5	391.9*	13.7	2,832.8	2,162.0*	31.0
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	801.0	853.8*	- 6.2	6,570.2	7,287.9*	- 9.9
Washers - Total	468.3	480.0*	- 2.4	3,916.4	4,282.9*	- 8.6
Automatic	459.7	465.2*	- 1.2	3,807.8	4,123.3*	- 7.7
Wringer & Other	8.6	14.8*	- 41.9	108.6	159.6*	-32.0
Dryers - Total	332.7	373.8*	- 11.0	2,553.8	3,005.0*	-11.7
Electric	258.9	289.6*	- 10.6	2,086.7	2,358.8*	-11.5
Gas	73.8	84.2*	- 12.4	567.1	646.2*	-12.2

* Revised
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AHAM PROJECTS 3.5% GAIN FOR 1981 MAJOR APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS

CHICAGO -- Major appliance unit shipments for 1981 are expected to exceed 1980 shipments by 3.5%, the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers announced here today.

"The 1981 forecast of 31,472,000 units takes into account a number of factors," observed Guenther Baumgart, AHAM president. "Certainly we are encourged by the new, more conservative and business-oriented Administration and Congress which will hopefully result in a more efficient economic system and allow business and industry to concentrate more on productivity and innovation."

Also on the plus side are:

* such continuing sociological trends as increases in working women and single households, making the time-saving conveniences that appliances offer all the more attractive;

* a good replacement market considering the 99 million major appliances purchased in the early and mid-Sixties;

* formation of many new households by the 45 million babies of the Fifties and Sixties "baby boom," resulting in increased initial appliance purchases;

* low saturation of such appliances as dishwashers, disposers and freezers which are still not found in over half of all American homes and microwave ovens which are at less than 20% saturation;

* introduction to the market of a "new generation" of more

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efficient appliances, some with improvements of as much as 40% to 50%, compared to 1972 models.

"These new appliances will become all the more desirable as utility costs rise," said Baumgart. "And the new 'Energyguide' labeling program will make consumers more aware of operating cost as an important purchasing consideration."

On the negative side, the industry anticipates a slow economic recovery next year.

"Obviously, inflation cannot be eliminated overnight," commented Baumgart. "Mortgage and interest rates will probably remain at unusually high levels, a deterrent to consumers who must buy appliances on credit and to housing starts which account for a substantial share of appliance shipments."

And the impact of the Department of Energy's final maximum energy efficiency standards for appliances is still not known. Final standards will probably not be published until late February.

"We can only hope that our intensive efforts will result in DOE publishing standards that are both 'technologically feasible' and 'economically justified' as the law requires," said Baumgart.

The association also forecasts that 1980 shipments will total 30,400,000 units, an 8% drop from 1979 actual shipments of 33,161,000.

Although the year began favorably, 1980 shipments were generally off throughout the year, reflecting the general economic decline and consistently high interest and mortgage rates.

November shipments were 8.3% behind the same month last year. Actual shipments for the year-to-date are off 9%. Microwave ovens continue to be the only exception with gains of 21.5% for the month and 29.8% for the year thus far.

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MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE FACTORY SHIPMENTS THOUSANDS OF UNITS
(Domestic Plus Export)
November, 1980

	November 1980	November 1979	% Change	Calendar Year to Date 1980	1979	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	2,234.3	2,437.4*	- 8.3%	28,116.6	30,903.2*	- 9.0%
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	124.6	138.8	-10.2	3,000.9	3,513.4	-14.6
DEHUMIDIFIERS	1.1	10.0*	-89.0	666.2	654.7*	1.8
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	204.1	281.6	-27.5	2,539.1	3,247.6	-21.8
Built-In	173.5	237.3	-26.9	2,184.8	2,786.2	-21.6
Portable	30.7	44.2	-30.5	354.3	461.3	-23.2
DISPOSERS	256.5	261.6*	- 1.9	2,734.7	3,073.9*	-11.0
COMPACTORS	19.1	23.8*	-19.7	213.2	268.9*	-20.7
REFRIGERATION - TOTAL	445.2	483.1*	- 7.8	6,420.9	7,122.1*	- 9.8
Refrigerators	371.1	383.1	- 3.1	4,828.4	5,364.5	-10.0
Freezers - Total	74.1	100.1*	-26.0	1,592.5	1,757.6*	- 9.3
Upright	34.4	46.6*	-26.2	707.2	813.3*	-13.0
Chest	39.7	53.5*	-25.8	885.2	944.3*	- 6.3
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	208.1	242.4*	-14.2	2,345.2	2,787.7*	-15.9
Free Standing	164.0	184.2	-11.0	1,833.7	2,081.5	-11.9
Built-In	44.1	58.2*	-24.2	511.5	706.3*	-27.6
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	381.8	314.2*	21.5	3,214.6	2,476.2*	29.8
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	615.5	703.1	-12.5	7,185.7	7,991.0	-10.1
Washers - Total	331.1	384.3	-13.8	4,247.4	4,467.2	- 4.9
Automatic	325.8	370.4	-12.0	4,133.6	4,493.7	- 8.0
Wringer & Other	5.3	13.9	-61.9	113.8	173.5	-34.4
Dryers - Total	284.4	318.8	-10.8	2,938.2	3,323.8	-11.6
Electric	223.5	245.7	- 9.0	2,310.2	2,604.4	-11.3
Gas	60.9	73.1	-16.7	628.0	719.3	-12.7

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*** Includes U.S. produced and imported microwave ovens and combination microwave ovens/ranges

MAJOR APPLIANCE FORECAST
FACTORY UNIT SHIPMENTS
(Domestic & Export)

	1979 Actual	1980 Estimate	1981 Forecast	% Change 1980 - 1981
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	3,748,700	3,300,000	3,332,000	+ 1.0%
DEHUMIDIFIERS	684,700	700,000	700,000	-
DISHWASHERS	3,487,900	2,850,000	2,984,000	+ 4.7%
DISPOSERS	3,316,900	2,900,000	2,997,000	+ 3.3%
COMPACTORS	293,200	250,000	258,000	+ 3.2%
REFRIGERATORS	5,701,000	5,150,000	5,200,000	+ 1.0%
FREEZERS	1,858,400	1,750,000	1,750,000	-
ELECTRIC RANGES	2,999,700	2,550,000	2,658,000	+ 4.2%
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES#	2,806,600	3,400,000	3,844,000	+13.1%
CLOTHES WASHERS	4,965,000	4,500,000	4,604,000	+ 2.3%
CLOTHES DRYERS	3,551,400	3,150,000	3,245,000	+ 3.0%
TOTAL	33,161,600	30,400,000	31,472,000	+ 3.5%

Includes U.S.-produced and imported microwave ovens and microwave ovens/ranges.

NOTE: Figures may not add due to rounding and overlapping product categories.

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1980 MAJOR APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS 8.8% BEHIND 1979, DECEMBER SHIPMENTS FALL 5.6%

CHICAGO -- Total major appliance factory unit shipments of 30,258,600 in 1980 were 8.8% behind 1979 shipments, according to a year-end report released today by the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM). December shipments of 2,131,400 units were down 5.6% and fourth quarter shipments down 5.3%, compared to the same periods last year.

Microwave oven shipments were the major exception. Shipments for the year increased 28.5% over 1979 with a 16.6% increase for December and 17.7% for the last quarter, compared to a year ago.

Laundry products also ended the year on a positive note with a 3% increase for December (1.5% for clothes washers and 4.8% for dryers).

Throughout the year shipments were uneven. With the exception of January and February, monthly and quarterly shipments in 1980 were lower than 1979 periods. The most significant decreases were in the second quarter followed by gradual improvements through to the end of the year. AHAM attributed the continuing low shipment levels to the depressed economy, high inflation, very tight credit and the significant rise in interest rates with resulting decreases in housing starts.

All other appliances continued below 1979 levels in December including dishwashers, down 17.4%; electric ranges, down 12.7%; refrigerators, down 12.2%; freezers, down 11.8%; and room air conditioners, down 13.9%.

The most significant decreases for the year were 21.5% for dishwashers and 15.7% for electric ranges. Both of these appliances are frequently included in new homes.

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MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE FACTORY SHIPMENTS THOUSANDS OF UNITS
(Domestic plus Exports)
December, 1980

	December 1980	December 1979	% Change	Calendar Year to Date 1980	1979	% Change	Calendar Quarter 1980	1979	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	2,131.4	2,258.4*	- 5.6%	30,258.6	33,161.6*	- 8.8%	7,250.5	7,657.2*	- 5.3%
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	202.6	235.3	-13.9	3,203.5	3,748.7	-14.5	417.2	467.9	-10.8
DEHUMIDIFIERS	7.2	30.0*	-76.0	673.3	684.7*	- 1.2	6.1	43.1*	-85.9
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	198.5	240.3	-17.4	2,737.6	3,487.9	-21.5	699.6	878.3	-20.4
Built-In	169.1	197.8	-14.5	2,353.9	2,984.0	-21.1	595.5	734.7	-19.0
Portable	29.4	42.5	-30.8	383.8	503.9	-23.8	104.0	143.6	-27.6
DISPOSERS	223.2	243.0*	- 8.2	2,960.4	3,316.9*	-10.8	822.6	815.1*	0.9
COMPACTORS	21.8	24.4*	-10.7	235.2	293.2*	-19.8	67.3	80.7*	-16.6
REFRIGERATION - TOTAL	384.1	437.2*	-12.2	6,805.0	7,559.4*	-10.0	1,471.4	1,589.5*	- 7.4
Refrigerators	295.3	336.5	-12.2	5,123.7	5,701.0	-10.1	1,185.1	1,237.3	- 4.2
Freezers - Total	88.8	100.7*	-11.8	1,681.3	1,858.4*	- 9.5	286.3	352.2*	-18.7
Upright	41.0	44.4*	- 7.7	748.3	857.7*	-12.8	136.9	165.8*	-17.4
Chest	47.8	56.4*	-15.3	933.0	1,000.7*	- 6.8	149.4	186.4*	-19.9
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	185.1	212.0*	-12.7	2,530.2	2,999.7*	-15.7	650.4	728.8*	-10.8
Free Standing	141.8	162.6	-12.8	1,975.5	2,244.1	-12.0	513.1	557.0	- 7.9
Built-In	43.3	49.4*	-12.4	554.7	755.6*	-26.6	137.3	171.8*	-20.1
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	385.1	330.4	16.6	3,607.7	2,806.6	28.5	1,220.4	1,036.5	17.7
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	540.9	525.4	3.0	7,726.6	8,516.4	- 9.3	1,957.4	2,082.3	- 6.0
Washers - Total	302.4	297.8	1.5	4,549.8	4,965.0	- 8.4	1,101.8	1,162.1	- 5.2
Automatic	292.0	284.9	2.5	4,425.6	4,778.6	- 7.4	1,077.5	1,120.5	- 3.8
Wringer & Other	10.4	12.9	-19.4	124.2	186.4	-33.4	24.3	41.6	-41.6
Dryers - Total	238.5	227.6	4.8	3,176.8	3,551.4	-10.6	855.6	920.2	- 7.0
Electric	184.2	178.9	3.0	2,494.4	2,783.4	-10.4	666.6	714.2	- 6.7
Gas	54.3	48.7	11.5	682.4	768.0	-11.2	189.0	206.0	- 8.3

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1980 MAJOR APPLIANCE UNIT SHIPMENTS -- "YEAR IN REVIEW"

First Quarter	% Change from 1979
January	+10.3%
February	+ 3.8%
March	-13.4%
	- 1.1%
Second Quarter	
April	- 9.0%
May	-33.3%
June	-15.7%
	-20.1%
Third Quarter	
July	- 2.0%
August	-11.4%
September	- 8.3%
	- 7.2%
Fourth Quarter	
October	- 2.7%
November	- 8.2%
December	- 5.6%
	- 5.3%
Calendar Year	- 8.8%

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JANUARY MAJOR APPLIANCE FACTORY UNIT SHIPMENTS DOWN 6.3%

CHICAGO -- January factory unit shipments of major appliances totaled 2,565,700 -- a 6.3% decline from the same month last year, the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers reported here today.

"While most product categories showed significant decreases," observed Guenther Baumgart, AHAM president, "it should be noted that these shipments are being compared to January, 1980 when shipments of many products reached all-time highs for the month and total shipments were just slightly below the 1973 record month."

Microwave oven shipments increased 54.5%, continuing the favorable trend established last year. Room air conditioners were also up -- 11.2%.

Other product category shipments were down including refrigerators (12.0%), freezers (30.1%), electric ranges (16.2%), clothes washers (14.9%) and clothes dryers (16.9%).

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MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE FACTORY SHIPMENTS THOUSANDS OF UNITS
(Domestic Plus Export)
January, 1981

	January 1981	January 1980	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	2,565.7	2,736.7*	- 6.3%
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	225.7	202.9*	11.2
DEHUMIDIFIERS	26.4	45.1*	-41.5
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	241.6	264.9	- 8.8
Built-In	207.7	224.5	- 7.5
Portable	33.9	40.4	-16.1
DISPOSERS	280.4	289.8*	- 3.2
COMPACTORS	15.9	23.5*	-32.3
REFRIGERATION - TOTAL	499.4	594.4*	-16.0
Refrigerators	408.4	464.3*	-12.0
Freezers - Total	91.0	130.1*	-30.1
Upright	39.5	60.5*	-34.7
Chest	51.4	69.6*	-26.2
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	218.5	260.7*	-16.2
Free Standing	171.4	195.5*	-12.3
Built-In	47.1	65.2*	-27.8
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	372.3	241.0*	54.5
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	704.6	836.3*	-15.8
Washers - Total	407.6	479.0*	-14.9
Automatic	395.7	469.5	-15.7
Wringer & Other	11.9	9.5*	25.3
Dryers - Total	296.9	357.2*	-16.9
Electric	228.0	281.1*	-18.9
Gas	68.9	76.1	- 9.5

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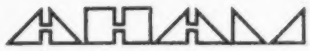

FEBRUARY MAJOR APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS OFF 2.6%, SECOND HIGHEST SINCE 1974

CHICAGO -- February major appliance shipments totalled 2,530,800 units, the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM) reported here today -- 2.6% behind the same month last year. With the exception of 1980, this year's February shipments were the highest since 1974 when the month's shipments totalled 2,638,000.

Room air conditioner shipments were 7.2% ahead of last year. The 370,100 units shipped were also the highest for the month since 1974.

Microwave oven shipments continued to gain significantly with a 50.3% increase over February 1980.

Other major categories declined -- dishwashers were down 18.2%; refrigerators -- 2.8%; freezers -- 10.0%; electric ranges -- 8.6%; clothes washers -- 2.2%; and clothes dryers -- 12.4%.

"While February shipments of most products were lower than February of 1980, the margin of decline has narrowed considerably, compared to January," observed AHAM Vice President Marketing and Economics Paul Roman.

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MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE FACTORY SHIPMENTS THOUSANDS OF UNITS
(Domestic Plus Export)
February, 1981

	February 1981	February 1980	% Change	Calendar Year to Date 1981	1980	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	2,530.8	2,597.5*	- 2.6%	5,087.0	5,334.1*	- 4.6%
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	370.1	345.4*	7.2	595.7	548.4*	8.6
DEHUMIDIFIERS	61.6	108.3*	-43.1	90.1	153.4*	-41.3
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	204.9	250.4	-18.2	446.4	515.3	-13.4
Built-In	177.3	212.1	-16.4	385.0	436.6	-11.8
Portable	27.6	38.4	-28.1	61.5	78.8	-22.0
DISPOSERS	274.5	285.8*	- 4.0	555.7	575.6*	- 3.5
COMPACTORS	16.8	25.1*	-33.1	32.7	48.6*	-32.7
REFRIGERATION - TOTAL	485.8	509.8*	- 4.7	985.2	1,104.3*	-10.8
Refrigerators	364.3	374.9*	- 2.8	772.7	839.1*	- 7.9
Freezers - Total	121.5	135.0*	-10.0	212.5	265.1*	-19.8
Upright	51.9	62.4*	-16.8	91.4	123.0*	-25.7
Chest	69.7	72.6*	- 4.0	121.1	142.2*	-14.8
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	197.6	216.1*	- 8.6	416.1	476.8*	-12.7
Free Standing	154.7	163.8*	- 5.6	326.0	359.3*	- 9.3
Built-In	42.9	52.3*	-18.0	90.0	117.5*	-23.4
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	332.9	221.5*	50.3	692.6	462.5*	49.8
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	609.0	651.5*	- 6.5	1,313.5	1,487.7*	-11.7
Washers - Total	365.2	373.3*	- 2.2	772.9	852.4*	- 9.3
Automatic	358.2	364.5	- 1.7	753.9	834.0	- 9.6
Wringer & Other	7.1	8.9*	-20.2	19.0	18.4*	3.3
Dryers - Total	243.7	278.1	-12.4	540.7	635.4*	-14.9
Electric	191.4	219.2	-12.7	419.4	500.3*	-16.2
Gas	52.4	58.9	-11.0	121.3	135.0	-10.1

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MONTHLY SHIPMENTS AT HIGHEST LEVEL IN 22 MONTHS, 4.5% GAIN POSTED FOR MARCH

CHICAGO -- Manufacturers shipped more major appliances in March than any month since May 1979, the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM) reported here today.

The total of 2,974,900 units was up 4.5% from March last year, although total shipments for the first quarter declined by 1.4%.

It was the best March and first quarter in two years for room air conditioners which increased 42.8% for the month and 23.8% for the quarter. Monthly and quarterly shipments for microwave ovens and disposers also set new records.

"In view of the very strong first quarter in 1980 which was followed by a very weak second quarter, the modest decline in shipments this year is an encouraging sign in terms of realizing the forecasted 3.5% gain for 1981," observed Paul Roman, AHAM vice president for marketing and economics. "We are entering a period where we will be comparing shipments to last year's very poor performance."

March shipments in other product categories were down from 1980 levels. Refrigerators declined 2.2%, washers 3.3%, freezers 6.3%, dryers 8.1%, electric ranges 8.5% and dishwashers 17.6%.

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MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE FACTORY SHIPMENTS THOUSANDS OF UNITS
(Domestic Plus Export)
March, 1981

	March 1981	March 1980	% Change	Calendar Year to Date 1981	1980	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	2,974.9	2,846.5*	4.5%	8,069.3	8,180.6*	- 1.4%
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	623.3	436.5*	42.8	1,219.0	984.9*	23.8
DEHUMIDIFIERS	88.6	90.1*	- 1.7	179.2	243.4*	-26.4
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	228.4	277.1	-17.6	674.9	792.4	-14.8
Built-In	201.5	238.0	-15.3	586.4	674.6	-13.1
Portable	27.0	39.1	-30.9	88.5	117.8	-24.9
DISPOSERS	317.2	293.9*	7.9	879.7	869.5*	1.2
COMPACTORS	15.9	21.0*	-24.3	48.5	69.6*	-30.3
REFRIGERATION - TOTAL	566.7	585.9*	- 3.3	1,551.8	1,690.2*	- 8.2
Refrigerators	424.4	434.0*	- 2.2	1,197.1	1,273.2*	- 6.0
Freezers - Total	142.3	151.8*	- 6.3	354.8	417.0*	-14.9
Upright	68.4	68.3*	.1	159.8	191.3*	-16.5
Chest	73.9	83.6*	-11.6	195.0	225.7*	-13.6
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	196.6	214.9*	- 8.5	612.7	691.7*	-11.4
Free Standing	154.6	166.8*	- 7.3	480.6	526.0*	- 8.6
Built-In	42.0	48.2*	-12.9	132.0	165.7*	-20.3
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	291.4	241.5	20.7	984.0	704.1	39.8
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	667.6	704.4*	- 5.2	1,981.2	2,192.2*	- 9.6
Washers - Total	407.5	421.5*	- 3.3	1,180.4	1,273.9*	- 7.3
Automatic	399.5	404.3*	- .1	1,153.3	1,238.3*	- 6.9
Wringer & Other	8.0	17.2*	-53.5	27.0	35.6*	-24.2
Dryers - Total	260.1	282.9*	- 8.1	800.8	918.3*	-12.8
Electric	206.1	224.1*	- 8.0	625.5	724.4*	-13.7
Gas	54.0	58.8	- 8.2	175.3	193.9	- 9.6

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** Numbers do not add because of overlapping product categories
*** Includes U.S. produced and imported microwave ovens and combination microwave oven/ranges

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APRIL MAJOR APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS

UP 15% FROM LAST YEAR

CHICAGO -- Appliance manufacturers today reported that major appliance shipments were at a three-year high for April, with an increase of 15% over April, 1980.

According to the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM), the total of 2,982,000 units included gains in practically every product category.

Shipments of room air conditioners outpaced April, 1980 by 44.8%, showing a bigger gain than that for microwave ovens which were up 28.1%. Sizable increases were also reported for freezers (10.2%), refrigerators (7.7%), ranges (4.7%) and dishwashers (3.6%). Dryers were up 1.6%, while washers posted only a small decline of 1.5%.

"The April increase coupled with the fact that year-to-date shipments are up 2.6% over 1980 is encouraging," said Guenther Baumgart, AHAM President. "Based on such performance, we are confident that we will meet, and may even surpass, the 3.5% gain forecast for 1981."

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MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE FACTORY SHIPMENTS THOUSANDS OF UNITS
(Domestic Plus Export)
April 1981

	April 1981	April 1980	% Change	Calendar Year to Date 1981	1980	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	2,982.0	2,595.1*	+14.9%	11,054.5	10,775.7*	+ 2.6%
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	602.6	416.1	+44.8	1,821.6	1,401.0*	+30.0
DEHUMIDIFIERS	94.9	83.6*	+13.5	276.0	327.0*	-15.6
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	240.2	231.9	+ 3.6	915.1	1,024.4	-10.7
Built-In	212.5	198.6	+ 7.0	798.9	873.2	- 8.5
Portable	27.7	33.3	-16.8	116.2	151.1	-23.1
DISPOSERS	308.8	248.3*	+24.4	1,190.3	1,117.8*	+ 6.5
COMPACTORS	15.8	16.3*	- 3.1	64.3	85.9*	-25.1
REFRIGERATION - TOTAL	581.3	536.7*	+ 8.3	2,132.6	2,226.9*	- 4.2
Refrigerators	440.1	408.6	+ 7.7	1,637.2	1,681.8*	- 2.7
Freezers - Total	141.2	128.1*	+10.2	495.5	545.0*	- 9.1
Upright	64.3	48.5*	+32.6	224.1	239.7*	- 6.5
Chest	77.0	79.6*	- 3.3	271.4	305.3*	-11.1
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	220.5	210.6*	+ 4.7	833.1	902.4*	- 7.7
Free-Standing	170.7	164.9	+ 3.5	651.4	690.9*	- 5.7
Built-In	49.7	45.7*	+ 8.8	181.8	211.4*	-14.0
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	328.0	256.1	+28.1	1,312.1	960.2	+36.6
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	612.8	614.7	- .3	2,594.0	2,806.8	- 7.6
Washers - Total	368.1	373.8	- 1.5	1,548.5	1,647.7	- 6.0
Automatic	361.5	361.2	+ .1	1,514.8	1,599.5	- 5.3
Wringer & Other	6.7	12.7	-47.2	33.7	48.3	-30.2
Dryers - Total	244.7	240.8	+ 1.6	1,045.5	1,159.1	- 9.8
Electric	191.6	189.2	+ 1.3	817.1	913.6	-10.6
Gas	53.1	51.6	+ 2.9	228.4	245.5	- 7.0

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MONTHLY SHIPMENTS SHOW GAIN FOR THIRD STRAIGHT MONTH, UP 16% OVER MAY, 1980

CHICAGO -- Last month's major appliance shipments of 2,612,700 units topped May, 1980 by 16%, showing a gain over last year for the third straight month this year, according to figures released here today by the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM).

Year-to-date shipments improved 5% over the same period in 1980. Room air conditioners and microwave ovens continued strong with shipments up over May, 1980 by 38.5% and 40% respectively. Shipment gains were also posted for disposers (54.8%), compactors (31.3%), dishwashers (14.3%), dryers (12.1%), washers (9.2%) and refrigerators (4.3%). Ranges were off 2.8% and freezers 6%.

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MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE FACTORY SHIPMENTS THOUSANDS OF UNITS
(Domestic Plus Export)
May 1981

	May 1981	May 1980	% Change	Calendar Year to Date 1981	1980	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	2,612.7	2,240.8*	+16.6%	13,663.6	13,016.6*	+ 5.0%
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	477.2	344.5	+38.5	2,288.4	1,745.5	+31.1
DEHUMIDIFIERS	72.4	101.4*	-28.6	348.9	428.4*	-18.6
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	191.8	167.8	+14.3	1,106.9	1,192.2	- 7.2
Built-In	173.2	146.2	+18.5	972.1	1,019.5	- 4.6
Portable	18.6	21.6	-13.9	134.8	172.7	-21.9
DISPOSERS	252.9	163.4*	+54.8	1,445.4	1,281.2*	+12.8
COMPACTORS	16.8	12.8*	+31.3	80.5	98.7*	-18.4
REFRIGERATION - TOTAL	570.0	546.5*	+ 4.3	2,702.6	2,773.4*	- 2.6
Refrigerators	428.5	396.0	+ 8.2	2,065.7	2,077.8	- 0.6
Freezers - Total	141.5	150.6*	- 6.0	636.9	695.6*	- 8.4
Upright	62.8	65.0*	- 3.4	286.9	304.8*	- 5.9
Chest	78.6	85.5*	- 8.1	350.0	390.8*	-10.4
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	193.0	198.5*	- 2.8	1,030.7	1,100.9*	- 6.4
Free-Standing	151.2	159.1	- 5.0	803.0	850.0	- 5.5
Built-In	41.8	39.5*	+ 5.8	227.7	250.9*	- 9.2
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	292.5	209.0*	+40.0	1,604.5	1,169.2*	+37.2
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	567.2	514.1	+10.3	3,161.2	3,321.0	- 4.8
Washers - Total	346.5	317.3	+ 9.2	1,895.0	1,965.1	- 3.6
Automatic	339.2	308.7	+ 9.9	1,854.0	1,908.1	- 2.8
Wringer & Other	7.3	8.7	-16.1	41.0	56.9	-27.9
Dryers - Total	220.6	196.8	+12.1	1,266.1	1,355.9	- 6.6
Electric	174.1	155.5	+12.0	991.1	1,069.1	- 7.3
Gas	46.6	41.3	+12.8	275.0	286.8	- 4.1

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MAJOR APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS

UP 29% FROM LAST YEAR

CHICAGO -- Appliance manufacturers shipped 3.1 million major appliances in June, a three-year high for the month and an increase of 29% over June, 1980.

According to the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM), the total 3,136,000 units included gains in practically every category.

Room air conditioners increased 106.7% over June, 1980. Gains were also registered for built-in dishwashers (18.2%), disposers (18.1%), refrigerators (19.8%), freezers (7.8%), electric ranges (14.1%), microwave ovens (27%), clothes washers (18.1%) and clothes dryers (25.8%).

The June increase was the largest monthly increase of the year and capped a quarter in which substantial increases were registered each month.

Second quarter shipments of 8,860,000 units increased 20.6% over 1980. First half shipments of 16,827,000 increased 9% over a year ago.

Room air conditioners and microwave ovens continued to pace shipment increases with first half gains over last year of 42.9% and 35.4%, respectively.

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MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE FACTORY SHIPMENTS THOUSANDS OF UNITS
(Domestic plus Export)
June, 1981

	June 1981	June 1980	% Change	Calendar Year to Date 1981	1980	% Change	Calendar Quarter 1981	1980	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	3,136.0	2,425.3*	+ 29.3%	16,827.1	15,441.8*	+ 9.0%	8,760.3	7,261.2*	+20.6%
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	653.1	315.9*	+106.7	2,946.7	2,061.4*	+42.9	1,738.0	1,076.5*	+61.4
DEHUMIDIFIERS	95.8	95.6*	+ .2	444.9	524.0*	-15.1	263.7	280.6*	- 6.0
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	220.1	188.5	+ 16.8	1,327.0	1,380.7	- 3.9	652.1	588.2	+10.9
Built-In	198.5	167.9	+ 18.2	1,170.6	1,187.4	- 1.4	584.1	512.8	+13.9
Portable	21.6	20.6	+ 4.9	156.4	193.3	-19.1	68.0	75.5	- 9.9
DISPOSERS	229.5	194.3*	+ 18.1	1,675.6	1,475.5*	+13.6	794.1	606.0*	+31.0
COMPACTORS	16.3	17.4*	- 6.3	96.8	116.1*	-16.6	48.3	46.4*	+ 4.1
REFRIGERATION - TOTAL	748.9	644.3*	+ 16.2	3,452.8	3,417.7*	+ 1.0	1,901.5	1,727.6*	+10.1
Refrigerators	542.4	452.7	+ 19.8	2,608.1	2,530.5	+ 3.1	1,411.0	1,257.3	+12.2
Freezers - Total	206.5	191.6*	+ 7.8	844.7	887.2*	- 4.8	490.5	470.2*	+ 4.3
Upright	89.5	77.9*	+ 14.9	376.4	382.6*	- 1.6	216.6	191.4*	+13.2
Chest	117.0	113.7*	+ 2.9	468.3	504.6*	- 7.2	273.9	278.9*	- 1.8
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	219.3	192.2*	+ 14.1	1,250.7	1,293.0*	- 3.3	633.4	601.3*	+ 5.3
Free Standing	169.7	148.9	+ 14.0	972.8	998.9	- 2.6	491.7	472.8	+ 4.0
Built-In	49.6	43.3*	+ 14.5	277.9	294.2*	- 5.5	141.7	128.5*	+10.3
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	323.7	254.8	+ 27.0	1,928.2	1,424.1	+35.4	944.2	720.0	+31.1
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	648.7	536.5	+ 20.9	3,829.2	3,857.5	- .7	1,848.2	1,665.3	+11.0
Washers - Total	401.8	340.2	+ 18.1	2,309.5	2,305.3	+ .2	1,129.2	1,031.4	+ 9.5
Automatic	394.0	322.4	+ 22.2	2,260.7	2,230.5	+ 1.4	1,107.4	992.2	+11.6
Wringer & Other	7.8	17.8	- 56.2	48.8	74.7	-34.7	21.8	39.1	-44.4
Dryers - Total	246.9	196.3	+ 25.8	1,519.7	1,552.2	- 2.1	719.0	633.9	+13.4
Electric	196.7	155.8	+ 26.3	1,193.5	1,225.0	- 2.6	568.1	500.6	+13.5
Gas	50.2	40.5	+ 24.0	326.2	327.3	- .3	150.9	133.4	+13.1

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JULY MAJOR APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS DOWN 1%, MOST PRODUCT CATEGORIES SHOW INCREASES

CHICAGO - July factory unit shipments of 2,682,800 major home appliances dropped 1% from last year, according to a report released today by the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM).

Shipment gains in most major product categories during the month were offset by a decline in room air conditioner shipments.

Freezer shipments were 24.9% over July, 1980; microwave ovens, up 36.3%; automatic washers, up 9.8%; clothes dryers, up 7.1%; electric ranges, up 5.7%; refrigerators, up 7.1%; and dishwashers, up 3.0%. Room air conditioner shipments declined 50%.

Total shipments for the first seven months of 1981 were 7.5% ahead of last year.

The decline in July shipments of room air conditioners simply reflects comparison with a very high July in 1980 of 566,000 units, combined with current distributor and dealer concerns over the high costs of maintaining inventories, according to Paul Roman, AHAM's vice president marketing and economics. The 1981 season was most favorable with room air conditioner shipment increases ranging from 40% to 100% from March through June, compared to the same months last year, Roman said. Retailers have reported excellent sales this summer, but many wish to end the summer selling season with small inventories, he added. Year-to-date room air conditioner shipments are 23% ahead of 1980.

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MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE FACTORY SHIPMENTS THOUSANDS OF UNITS
(Domestic Plus Export)
July, 1981

	July 1981	July 1980	% Change	Calendar Year to Date 1981	1980	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	2,682.8	2,711.1*	- 1.0%	19,511.4	18,152.9*	+ 7.5%
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	283.4	566.4	-50.0	3,230.0	2,627.8	+22.9
DEHUMIDIFIERS	68.3	84.0*	-18.7	513.3	607.9*	-15.6
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	190.1	184.5	+ 3.0	1,517.1	1,565.2	- 3.1
Built-In	170.5	161.8	+ 5.4	1,341.0	1,349.2	- 0.6
Portable	19.7	22.7	-13.2	176.1	216.0	-18.5
DISPOSERS	236.8	199.6*	+18.6	1,913.2	1,675.1*	+14.2
COMPACTORS	17.4	15.1*	+15.2	114.2	131.2*	-13.0
REFRIGERATION - TOTAL	738.6	659.2*	+12.0	4,192.0	4,076.9*	+ 2.8
Refrigerators	511.4	477.3	+ 7.1	3,119.5	3,007.8	+ 3.7
Freezers - Total	227.2	181.9*	+24.9	1,072.5	1,069.1*	+ 0.3
Upright	89.5	76.5*	+17.0	465.9	459.1*	+ 1.5
Chest	137.7	105.4	+30.6	606.6	610.0*	- 0.6
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	199.9	189.1*	+ 5.7	1,450.6	1,482.2*	- 2.1
Free Standing	160.8	146.6*	+ 9.7	1,133.5	1,145.5*	- 1.0
Built-In	39.2	42.5*	- 7.8	317.1	336.7*	- 5.8
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	349.4	256.3	+36.3	2,277.6	1,680.3	+35.5
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	619.4	572.3	+ 8.2	4,448.6	4,429.8	+ 0.4
Washers - Total	376.1	345.1	+ 9.0	2,685.6	2,650.4	+ 1.3
Automatic	369.0	336.2	+ 9.8	2,629.7	2,566.8	+ 2.5
Wringer & Other	7.1	8.9	-20.2	55.9	83.6	-33.1
Dryers - Total	243.3	227.2	+ 7.1	1,763.0	1,779.4	- 0.9
Electric	193.2	181.3	+ 6.6	1,386.8	1,406.3	- 1.4
Gas	50.0	45.9	+ 8.9	376.3	373.2	+ 0.8

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AUGUST MAJOR APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS UP 2%, 6.8% AHEAD FOR YEAR

CHICAGO -- August major appliance factory shipments of 2,435,900 units were 2% ahead of the same month last year, reported the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM). Shipments for the year-to-date totalled 21,946,500, up 6.8% over 1980.

Disposer shipments were up 25.8%. Microwave ovens were up 21.3% for the month, continuing a trend of significant gains. An 11.5% gain was reported for dishwashers.

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MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE FACTORY SHIPMENTS THOUSANDS OF UNITS
(Domestic Plus Export)
August, 1981

	August 1981	August 1980	% Change	Calendar Year to Date 1981	1980	Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	2,435.9	2,388.0*	+ 2.0%	21,946.5	20,540.9*	+ 6.8%
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	64.3	92.1*	-30.2	3,294.3	2,720.0*	+21.1
DEHUMIDIFIERS	15.6	42.9*	-63.6	528.2	650.9*	-18.9
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	236.0	211.7	+11.5	1,753.1	1,776.9	- 1.3
Built-In	214.2	184.2	+16.3	1,555.2	1,533.5	+ 1.4
Portable	21.8	27.5	-20.7	197.9	243.4	-18.7
DISPOSERS	287.9	228.8*	+25.8	2,202.5	1,904.0*	+15.7
COMPACTORS	14.2	15.9*	-10.7	128.3	147.1*	-12.8
REFRIGERATION - TOTAL	602.3	644.8*	- 6.6	4,794.3	4,721.7*	+ 1.5
Refrigerators	450.5	464.5	- 3.0	3,570.0	3,472.3	+ 2.8
Freezers - Total	151.8	180.3*	-15.8	1,224.3	1,249.4*	- 2.0
Upright	74.3	83.4*	-10.9	540.2	542.5*	- 0.4
Chest	77.6	96.9	-19.9	684.2	706.9	- 3.2
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	189.7	191.2	- 0.8	1,638.9	1,673.3	- 2.1
Free Standing	152.7	152.2	+ 0.3	1,284.7	1,297.7	- 1.0
Built-In	37.0	39.0	- 5.1	354.3	375.7	- 5.7
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	392.5	323.6	+21.3	2,670.0	2,003.9	+33.2
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	653.0	653.2*	-- -	5,101.7	5,083.0*	+ 0.4
Washers - Total	398.5	396.6*	+ 0.5	3,084.2	3,047.0*	+ 1.2
Automatic	391.2	391.1*	-- -	3,021.0	2,957.8*	+ 2.1
Wringer & Other	7.3	5.6	+30.4	63.2	89.2	-29.1
Dryers - Total	254.5	256.6	- 0.8	2,017.5	2,036.0	- 0.9
Electric	199.5	199.7	- 0.1	1,586.3	1,606.0	- 1.2
Gas	54.9	56.8	- 3.3	431.2	430.0	+ 0.3

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MAJOR APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS DROP SLIGHTLY IN 3RD QUARTER

CHICAGO -- Factory shipments of 7.5 million major home appliances dropped 1.2% during the 3rd quarter, compared to a year ago, according to a report issued today by the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM).

September shipments of 2.4 million products dropped 4.5%, while shipments of 24.3 million products in the first nine months increased 5.6% over 1980.

Seasonal products -- room air conditioners and dehumidifiers -- showed the largest declines during the quarter. Refrigerators, clothes washers and dryers, disposers and microwave ovens posted gains.

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MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE FACTORY SHIPMENTS THOUSANDS OF UNITS
(Domestic Plus Export)
September, 1981

	September 1981	September 1980	% Change	Calendar Year to Date 1981	1980	% Change	Calendar Quarter 1981	1980	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES	2,356.8	2,467.2*	- 4.5%	24,307.0	23,008.1*	+ 5.6%	7,475.9	7,566.3*	- 1.2%
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	51.9	66.3	-21.7	3,346.2	2,786.2	+20.1	399.5	724.8	-44.9
DEHUMIDIFIERS	2.8	16.4*	-82.9	531.1	667.2*	-20.4	86.1	143.3*	-39.9
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	201.6	261.2	-22.8	1,954.7	2,038.1	- 4.1	627.8	657.4	- 4.5
Built-In	182.7	224.9	-18.8	1,737.9	1,758.3	- 1.2	567.3	571.0	- 0.6
Portable	18.9	36.3	-47.9	216.8	279.7	-22.5	60.4	86.4	-30.1
DISPOSERS	234.5	233.8*	+ 0.3	2,439.5	2,137.8*	+14.1	763.1	662.3*	+15.2
COMPACTORS	15.8	20.8*	-24.0	144.1	168.0*	-14.2	47.3	51.9*	- 8.9
REFRIGERATION - TOTAL	566.5	611.9*	- 7.4	5,360.8	5,333.6*	+ 0.5	1,907.4	1,915.9*	- 0.4
Refrigerators	455.7	466.3*	- 2.3	4,025.7	3,938.6*	+ 2.2	1,417.6	1,408.1*	+ 0.7
Freezers - Total	110.8	145.6*	-23.9	1,335.1	1,395.0*	- 4.3	489.8	507.8*	- 3.5
Upright	46.1	68.9*	-33.1	586.2	611.4*	- 4.1	209.8	228.8*	- 8.3
Chest	64.7	76.8	-15.8	748.9	783.7	- 4.4	279.9	279.1	+ 0.3
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	176.5	206.5	-14.5	1,817.3	1,879.8	- 3.3	564.0	586.8	- 3.9
Free Standing	140.9	164.7	-14.5	1,427.5	1,462.4	- 2.4	452.8	463.5	- 2.3
Built-In	35.6	41.8	-14.8	389.8	417.5	- 6.6	111.2	123.3	- 9.8
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	416.2	383.4	+ 8.6	3,085.3	2,387.3	+29.2	1,157.3	963.2	+20.2
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	709.0	686.2	+ 3.3	5,810.7	5,769.1	+ 0.7	1,981.4	1,911.7	+ 3.6
Washers - Total	415.9	401.0	+ 3.7	3,500.1	3,448.0	+ 1.5	1,190.5	1,142.7	+ 4.2
Automatic	405.7	390.3	+ 3.9	3,426.6	3,348.1	+ 2.3	1,165.9	1,117.5	+ 4.3
Wringer & Other	10.2	10.8	- 5.6	73.4	99.9	-26.5	24.6	25.2	- 2.4
Dryers - Total	293.1	285.1	+ 2.8	2,310.6	2,321.1	- 0.5	790.9	768.9	+ 2.9
Electric	228.6	221.8	+ 3.1	1,814.8	1,827.8	- 0.7	621.3	602.8	+ 3.1
Gas	64.6	63.3	+ 2.1	495.8	493.4	+ 0.5	169.5	166.1	+ 2.0

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